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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSION AND CARE OF PATIENTS IN NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of
2 Social Services, after consultation with the Commissioner of Mental
3 Health and Addiction Services, shall amend the Pre-Admission Level
4 II Evaluation Form required under federal law to incorporate any
5 relevant criteria developed by the Commissioner of Mental Health and
6 Addiction Services regarding the high risk behavior of patients to be
7 evaluated.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) In addition to any
9 requirement of sections 17b-359 and 17b-360 of the general statutes,
10 prior to admitting a person, each nursing home, as defined in section
11 19a-490 of the general statutes, as amended, shall: (1) Obtain a copy of
12 the results of the person's Pre-Admission Level II Evaluation
13 Screening, if any, and a copy of a determination letter prepared by a
14 behavioral health care provider, if any, and (2) provide that the
15 administrator of the nursing home, in consultation with the medical
16 director, director of nursing and the director of admissions for the

17 nursing home, completes a written determination of whether the
18 nursing home has appropriate physical and program space, trained
19 staff and programming to provide for the care and safety of such
20 person and other residents of the nursing home. For purposes of this
21 section, "trained staff" means staff trained in risk assessment and risk
22 management of behavioral health care appropriate for a nursing home
23 setting.

24 (b) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
25 after consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, shall
26 develop a recommended curriculum guide and continued training
27 syllabus for trained staff.

28 (c) In the course of the admission process for any person seeking
29 admission to a nursing home, including, but not limited to, assessment
30 utilizing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Minimum
31 Data Set, or any other assessment of a nursing home resident, if
32 problem behavior is identified in such person or resident, the nursing
33 home shall document in the relevant care plan that the nursing home
34 has the appropriate physical and program space, trained staff and
35 programming to meet such resident's individualized needs.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise procedures for evaluation of nursing home residents.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]